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A NOTE FROM COUNCILMAN KING

Dear Neighbor,

As we fall back into winter and shorter days and longer nights, let's take a moment to look back at what we've accomplished together over the past five years. We've done so much to improve the quality of life for all residents in our community both with capital projects on our roads and infrastructure along with social programs to benefit those that need it most. Our efforts along Preston Highway to make the corridor more welcoming to visitors and developers have been rewarded with new businesses and an increased sense of pride for neighbors. The MUSCL Senior Wellness Center in Schnitzelburg has given countless seniors the opportunity to stay healthy, both physically and mentally – all while breathing new life into the heart of that community. We have lowered our crime rate and made our neighborhoods safer. Partnerships with Luv-it Landscaping and B&S Landscaping have helped to keep rights of way clean and to beautify medians all throughout District 10 – after all, neatness counts! Additionally, we've decreased noise from vehicular traffic along Newburg Road by diamond grinding the concrete surface and increased ways for residents to stay healthy by adding multi-use paths in Creason Park and along Schuff Lane. We've planted over 150 trees, painted murals and built thousands of feet of sidewalk. Most importantly, however, we have done all of this together. Suggestions come into my council office daily on ways we can improve the quality of life for our residents and keep our neighborhoods safe, and I encourage you keep the suggestions coming! It is my honor to represent you as your Councilman, and I will always have your best interest in mind while serving you. If I can ever be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Councilman Jim King

Super Citizen Award:

If I gave out a good citizen award with each newsletter, this one would have to go to Jesse Hardy. After voicing concerns about high grass at the abandoned BP Station at Newburg Road and Bishop Lane and understanding our difficulty as a government in maintaining private property, Mr. Hardy agreed to maintain the property for free if I would agree to donate the value of his services to St. Stephen Martyr Parish and School at Hess Lane and Pindell Avenue. We will be working with St. Stephen's to arrange a grant for them of \$400.00 in Mr. Jesse's name. Thanks, Jesse, Super Citizen!

Meeting with the Governor reaps benefits for District 10

Throughout this newsletter you will see references to my personal meeting with Governor Beshear to represent District 10 constituents. This meeting was held on October 15th at my request. Many of the roads in District 10 are state highways (Eastern Parkway, Preston, Poplar Level, Newburg, Bardstown, Watterson). Need I say more? In any event, because of the importance of

representation of District 10 in Frankfort, I meet with the Governor at least twice each year to advocate for your interests. The Governor is always very gracious in scheduling the meeting and spending all the time I need to make my case for you. During my most recent meeting I advocated for the repaving of Poplar Level Road with brick paver medians, keeping the Preston slip ramp

open, diamond grinding the Watterson to reduce the noise in District 10 and building a sound wall for the Colonial Hill and Kensington neighborhoods. The Governor's staff has already contacted me and agreed to fund the diamond grinding of the Watterson and the sound wall and to keep the slip ramp open. I'm still waiting on an answer on when we can get Poplar Level repaved.

Preston Highway ramp closure halted

The ramp allowing access to the Watterson Expressway east-bound from Preston Highway has been the subject of much publicity lately. A proposal by the State Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration recommended closing the ramp and moving access to the Watterson further south to the Grade Lane entrance to I-65 Northbound then to the Watterson East. Like many of you, I use the ramp from Preston to the Watterson on almost a

daily basis, and believe its closure would have a major negative impact on our daily commutes. Further, the environmental impact of vehicles traveling over a mile further to enter onto the expressway would be significant. I met with Governor Steve Beshear on this issue and explained that Metro Government has spent hundreds of thousands of your tax dollars to ensure Preston Highway remains a vibrant corridor and is

a destination, not just a thoroughfare. He assured me that he would give this his personal attention as he understood that this would have a major impact on the quality of life for many of us. I am happy to report that we have just received notice from Governor Beshear that the ramp will stay open. Thanks, Governor!

Bardstown Road gets more trees!

Thank you to Cynthia Cooke, Patrick Carrico and Donna Ising and the many others who have lent a helping hand toward beautifying the Bardstown Road Corridor! Our office worked with the Bashford Manor Neighborhood Association and the BonAir Neighborhood Association to plant 30 trees on Bardstown Road between Bashford Manor Lane and Hikes Lane. Much work has been to done to ensure these trees are cared for and viable for many years to come. Additionally, the two neighborhood associations have been continuing to advocate for the overall improvement of the Bardstown Road corridor, including holding a charette process similar to that done on Preston Highway several years ago. I am working to establish that charette process with the Metro Development Department of Metro Government for later this winter or early spring 2010. I'm encouraged by the volunteer efforts of residents in the Bashford Manor neighborhood to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.



Camp Taylor Memorial Park improvements continue

As an ongoing effort to improve Camp Taylor Memorial Park, my office worked with Metro Parks and the Camp Taylor Neighborhood Association to install additional three-board wooden fencing around the perimeter of the park. Last year, we put the fencing up along Taylor Avenue and Lincoln Avenue to discourage users from parking inside the park on the

grass. This year, we installed additional fencing along Lee Avenue and put a chain up along the emergency entrance to the park at Taylor Avenue. So far, we've seen great results to our efforts, but you are encouraged to call Louisville Metro Police at 574-2111 if you see vehicles parked inside the park on the grass. The master plan for the park also calls for

decreasing parking along Taylor Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, moving the basketball court to a more visible location and extending the walking path. We hope to see these additional improvements occur soon, and thank the neighborhood association for their efforts to help keep our park clean!

TARC helps us improve Bashford Manor Lane

Recently, I met with officials from TARC to explore options for additional sidewalks along Newburg Road near Bashford Manor Lane and aesthetic improvements at the bus stops in the area. I'm proud to report that we are close to installing a new sidewalk on the east side of Newburg Road from Swainsboro Drive connecting to the existing sidewalk on Bashford Manor Lane. This area

has been a long standing concern for many residents since it is hard to traverse along Newburg Road. Additionally, new concrete pads and wrought iron benches will be installed at many of the bus stops along Bashford Manor Lane. By doing this, we hope to continue to decrease the amount of grocery carts that are used as seats for those boarding TARC buses while improving the appearance of

Bashford Manor Lane. We've also worked to keep semi-trucks from parking on Adele Avenue overnight and to replace many of the old and faded signage at Wal-Mart and Lowe's. A big thank you goes to Donna Ising, Anne Howard and Holly Radcliff for their persistence in these efforts.

Belmar Drive Viaduct to be renovated

Many of you have expressed concerns to me and my staff about the poor condition of the viaduct at the 1300 block of Belmar Drive. Because the viaduct is owned by Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, we are prohibited from improving the structure or anything that would have an impact on the structural integrity of the viaduct without their approval. We were granted approval a couple of years ago to repair and paint the structure and put "Welcome to" signage on both sides of the viaduct, but new permits are required to repair the sidewalk underneath. On October 14th, I met personally on site with Ted Pullen, Metro Director of Public Works, who assured me he was "on it" and would give me some proposals and drawings very soon to not only solve the viaduct issue but to complete/fix the concrete sidewalk along Belmar. It is my hope to have a new permit soon and to bring the sidewalk up to ADA standards by putting in a ramp to the sidewalk and installing a retaining wall along the sidewalk. Further, my office is working with the Camp Taylor Neighborhood Association to remove the weeds from around the viaduct and put wrap-wrap on all four corners of the viaduct. Thanks goes to Mike Raddish as well for his input on how best to beautify the viaduct.



MSD partnerships helps residents in District 10

When it rains, it pours. Over the past year we've had a colossal wind storm, an ice-storm that made us feel like we were at the north pole, and torrential flooding – now we're waiting for the frogs and locusts to hit! Unfortunately for some of us, the recent flooding has only amplified a problem that has been around for many decades. My office has been working with MSD officials and residents on McKinley Avenue to find a solution to flooding in homes caused by being at a low point between Meade Avenue and George Rogers Clark Park. There have been band-aids provided over the past several years, but I'm proud to report that we have a solution that will decrease the amount of water that flows toward these homes each time it rains and will (keeping our fingers crossed of course!) completely solve the problem. Additionally, I'm working with federal officials to explore the options we have to decrease flooding in the Elba Drive area that backs up to Beargrass Creek. These residents have been impacted for too long by the rising waters of the creek, and I have promised them to work toward a solution.

Oktoberfest in Schnitzelburg!

Willkommen bei Oktoberfest! The streets of Schnitzelburg were aglow this past month with a new tradition of Oktoberfest at the corner of East Burnett Avenue and Hickory Street. The event was put on by John Murrow and Tim Cain, owners of Check's Café and Zeppelin's Café respectively and the Schnitzelburg Area Community Council. A portion of the proceeds went to the Ministries United of South Central Louisville (MUSCL) Senior Wellness Center. An arts and crafts festival was held during the day and bands filled the night with German (and not so German) music. Hopefully we can make this an annual event and celebrate the history and significance of the German heritage in that area. Additionally, I hope we can continue to find ways to fund the programs at the Senior Wellness Center. The center is a valuable resource for many of the residents in our community. Danke schon!



Cardinal Drive path explored

I met recently with Phil Kavanaugh, Chair of the Camp Zachary Taylor Neighborhood Association at the dead-end of the 1400 block of Cardinal Drive to discuss some exciting new ideas for Camp Taylor and Fincastle residents. First, for safety purposes, I have asked Public Works to put up a guard rail with reflector signs at the dead end of Cardinal Drive. These will help motorists to not enter the area as there is no through access. Additionally, I've asked Public Works to look at ways to put in a multi-use path from Cardinal Drive around Beargrass Creek's tributary with another point of access on Belmar Drive to connect with the existing sidewalk. This will allow residents on the west side of Poplar Level to have access to a path similar to ones we've established in Creason Park and along Schuff Lane. While we're still in the planning stages of this project, I'm excited to see the potential opportunity for residents to have another way to stay healthy!

Spotlight on... ECHO

The Exploited Children's Help Organization (ECHO) is a non-profit agency dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and exploitation and assistance to families and victims of child abuse and exploitation. For 25 years, ECHO has worked to protect the children of Kentuckiana and address the needs of missing and abused children and their families. ECHO is a volunteer-based organization and is a well-respected and important partner of the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Jefferson County Courts. Since 1983, the organization has served as a source of education, prevention and support for families and victims of child abuse, abduction and exploitation. ECHO is located at the corner of Poplar Level Road and Parkway Drive in the heart of District 10.

Accountability

I believe you have the right to know how I am spending your tax dollars. Accordingly, below is an accounting of monies we have spent since my last newsletter.

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| \$1,000.00 | Jewish Hospital, Saints Mary & Elizabeth Hospital | Architectural design |
| \$1,000.00 | Louisville Metro Parks Department | Special events at parks facilities |
| \$1,000.00 | Louisville Metro Health and Wellness Department | 2nd Sunday Initiative |
| \$500.00 | Family Scholar House | Passport for Success program |
| \$5,100.00 | Germantown Mission, Inc. (Paristown) | Neighborhood programs |
| \$3,000.00 | Blue Apple Players | Plays at public elementary schools |
| \$1,000.00 | Coalition for the Homeless | Stand Down for Homeless Vets program |
| \$250.00 | Louisville Metro Police Department—4th Division | National Night-out expenses |
| \$2,000.00 | Petersburg Community Development | Jazz in the Park expenses |
| \$700.00 | Louisville Metro Animal Services | Animal clinic in Germantown |
| \$300.00 | LAMP Life Centered Ministries | Operating expenses |
| \$300.00 | ALS Association, KY Chapter | Operating expenses |
| \$500.00 | Louisville Metro Housing Authority | Fall Festival at Lourdes Hall |
| \$2,500.00 | Intelligent Change Initiatives | Operating expenses |
| \$2,000.00 | Visually Impaired Preschool Services | Stampede 5K run |
| \$200.00 | Exploited Children's Help Organization | Operating expenses |
| \$1,500.00 | Center for Neighborhoods | Neighborhood Institute classes |
| \$4,410.00 | Schnitzelburg Area Community Council | Various events in Schnitzelburg |
| \$500.00 | Lincoln Heritage Council, Inc. | Boy Scouts of America expenses |
| \$500.00 | Lifehouse, Inc. | Operating expenses |
| \$2,000.00 | Louisville Metro Parks Department | benches for Creason Path |

* The following listings went to Louisville Metro Public Works for the listed project:

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| \$1,000.00 | Louisville Metro Public Works Department | Completion of Domestic Violence Center |
| \$2,625.26 | Louisville Metro Public Works Department | Additional grass mowing in District 10 |
| \$2,425.00 | Louisville Metro Public Works Department | Island and median maintenance |
| \$2,000.00 | Louisville Metro Public Works Department | Removal of hazardous birds in neighborhood |

Light up Louisville!

Santa will be here sooner than we know it! In fact this year's Light Up Louisville will be Santa's official second stop on his world-wide tour. Santa will fly into Louisville on Friday the 27th after the Traditional Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York. Not only will Santa be at Light Up Louisville, but there will be food, drinks, music, shopping, entertainment, and kids activities all day long, and finally lights, music and fireworks for the big show! There will even be a 5K run added to the lineup this year to help you burn off all that turkey. It will all be in the Jefferson Square Park at the corner of 6th and Jefferson on November 27th.



Everything begins Friday the 27th at 3 p.m. with entertainment, food, shopping and kids activities, and Wendy's Winter Wonderland Parade. From 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Louisville "Go Green Tent" will open up with information on how to make your holiday greener. Throughout the evening there will be three different stages with holiday music and entertainment. Santa will arrive at 7 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. Santa and Mayor Abramson will turn on the lights! Afterward the food, shopping and festivities will continue until 10 p.m.

The 5K run will begin at 3 p.m. in Jefferson Square. Registration is \$20, \$10 for those 12 and under. After Nov. 23rd registration will be \$25 for those 12 and up. The proceeds will benefit The Baptist Hospital Foundation. All participants will receive a log sleeve shirt. To register go to: www.louisvilleky.gov/communityrelations

The lights and music show will continue this year through New Year's Eve in an event the city calls "Lou-minations."

District Advisory Board

Meetings of the District Advisory Board are held to allow me to report details of my activities and votes to neighborhood representatives and to gain valuable information and feedback with respect to each neighborhood. Please feel free to contact your neighborhood representative on my advisory board with specific neighborhood needs. I want to thank the Board Members for their service.

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| Gary Allen | Donna Ising | Steve Miller |
| Cyril Allgeier | Todd Jackson | Mary Margaret Mulvihill |
| Ken Allgeier | Barbara Kalkof | Pat Mulvihill |
| Linda Chesser | Phil Kavanaugh | Tandee Ogburn |
| Ramon Collins | Dawn Klemm | Pat Petrosky |
| Dorn Crawford | Gail Linville | Matt Reed |
| Mary Rose Evans | Steve Magre | Russ Riedling |
| David Guy | Liz Dumbaugh-Martin | Chris Smrt |
| Rob Holtzmann | Linda Mayer | Marlene Welsh |

Creason Paths a Hit!

The paths at Creason Park have been there for over two years now, and it's safe to say that they have been one of the most used projects we have completed. Recently, we have added benches, mile markers and trash receptacles along the path. We are still contemplating additional lighting to allow for night use experience as well. Enjoy and remember to leave it better than you found it!

Heating Aid Available

If you need help heating your home this season, Metro Community Action Partnership may be able to provide financial assistance. Aid will be distributed based on income and the type of fuel used to heat the home. To apply you must schedule an appointment between November 2 and December 11 at one of the following locations:

Urban Government Center, 810 Barret Ave. room 134. Phone 574-1157

Newburg Community Center, 4810 Exeter Ave. Phone 574-1270

Southwest Government Center, 7219 Dixie Highway, Phone 574-1272

Appointments can be made in person Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Urban Government Center and the Southwest Government Center. At the Urban Government Center appointments can be made on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. The offices will be closed November 26th and 27th.

Applicants should take their most recent heating bill or verification from a landlord that heat is included in rent, social security cards or permanent resident cards for everyone living in household, proof of all income from the previous month, and a picture ID to the appointment.

Have a safe and warm winter!

Flu Season Protection Strategies

Schools are back in session, and cold weather and the holidays are just around the corner. What does this mean? More time spent in close contact with family and friends, which spreads germs. This flu season we will see not only the seasonal flu, but also the H1N1 virus. Here are some helpful strategies to help prevent you from getting sick this season.

One of the best ways to keep from getting sick is to wash your hands! Wash hands after using the restroom, before handling food, after sneezing or being around someone who is sick, and when you or your kids get home from work or school. When sneezing, if no tissues are available, sneeze into your elbow or shoulder.

This season there is the seasonal flu vaccine, which is offered every year, and the new H1N1 vaccine. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends the seasonal flu vaccine for young children, pregnant women, people with chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years and older. The seasonal flu vaccine does not protect against the new H1N1 virus, however, there is a vaccine for this too. The CDC recommends this vaccine for "pregnant women, people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age, healthcare and emergency medical services personnel, persons between the ages of 6 months and 24 years old, and people ages of 25 through 64 years of age who are at higher risk for 2009 H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems."

If you are sick, stay away from others to avoid getting them sick. If you think you might have the flu the CDC recommends staying home work for 24 hours after the fever is gone, and going out only for medical care, if needed. As always, getting plenty of rest, exercise, and eating a healthy diet, rich in vegetables and fruits is important to keep your immune system healthy. Stay healthy district 10!



Our Neighborhoods

Ever wonder who your neighborhood leaders are? Find out now!

German-Paristown Neighborhood Association
President, Judy Magre

Schnitzelburg Area Community Council
President, Gary Allen

St. Joseph's Area Association
President, Gail Linville

Airport Neighbors' Alliance
President, Mary Rose Evans

Belmar Neighborhood Association
President, Liz Dumbaugh-Martin

Petersburg Homeowners Association
President, Ramon Collins

Bashford Manor Area Association
President, Donna Ising

East Side Neighborhood Association
President, Linda Mayer

Fincastle Heights
President, Mike Egan

Camp Zachary Taylor Neighborhood Association
Chair, Phil Kavanaugh

Colonial Hill Neighborhood Association
President, Skip Wilson

Preston Area Business Association
President, Robbie Gibson

Poplar Level Area Business Association
President, Patti Adkins

City of Parkway Village
Mayor, Betty Shelton

City of Audubon Park
Mayor, Mike Scalise

City of Watterson Park
Mayor, Norm Liebert

City of West Buechel
Mayor, Sharon Fowler

Kensington Homeowners Association
President, John Franck

Do You Know? It's the Law!

Residents are responsible for upkeep of their property

The number one complaint from constituents in District 10 is property upkeep. It is our belief that everyone has a right to live in a well-kept neighborhood, and it is their personal responsibility to see that their property is well-kept. The following are typical violations:

Abandoned Vehicles (*junk/inoperable*)

It is illegal to keep or store abandoned vehicles (inoperable, unlicensed, or vehicle parts) on residentially zoned property unless they are stored in an enclosed structure.

Front Yard and Sidewalk Parking

It is illegal to park vehicles in the required front yard of residential property or on any portion of the public sidewalk.

High Weed and Grass

Metro Code enforcement officers have the authority to issue a citation and a \$100 fine for high grass or weeds to a property owner and demand immediate compliance. If the citation is ignored, the fine can increase to \$1,000. For vacant properties, Metro Government is allowed to cut the grass of that property and then attach a lien for the costs.

RENTAL PROPERTIES MUST BE MAINTAINED BY OWNERS IF THE TENANTS FAIL TO DO SO!

Vehicle Repair Businesses

It is illegal to operate a vehicle repair business on residentially zoned property.

Heavy Trucks

It is illegal for heavy trucks (dual rear axles) to park in residentially zoned areas. This includes driveway and street parking of semi-trucks, trailers and commercial vehicles.

Fence Heights

Fences can be up to 8 feet tall on side and rear yards. In front yards, the fence can only be 4 feet tall. Fences or objects (shrubs, trees, etc.) on corner lots cannot be over 2 feet tall to allow proper vision at an intersection.

Display of Address Numbers

All residential property in Jefferson County is required to display the appropriate address number. The numbers must be 4" in height and a different color from their background. They shall be standard Arabic numbers.





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Furlough program...

Metro Government has continued to see declining revenues and difficult decisions have had to be made to make up for these shortfalls. Services have been cut including junk pick-ups and street sweeping, and layoffs have been utilized to help balance the Metro budget. Mayor Abramson implemented four furlough days for all non-union Metro employees at the beginning of this past fiscal year, but has decided to lift that order because of increasingly positive projections. It is my belief, however, that as long as layoffs are a possibility and essential services are being cut for taxpayers, that I can do my part to help save taxpayers money by taking the furlough. Therefore, my legislative aide and I have offered to take four days of furlough for this fiscal year. The amount of money saved will not total a lot, but I believe it is the right thing to do because we are all in this together.

George Rogers Clark Neighborhood Association

One of the few areas in District 10 that does not have an established neighborhood association is the George Rogers Clark Park neighborhood, also known as Glenafton. The area boundaries are as follows: on the north, Clarks Lane; on the east, Poplar Level Road; on the south, Hess Lane; on the west, Preston Highway and Parklawn Drive (bordering the City of Parkway Village). Many residents have expressed their interest in joining together to empower the neighborhood and collectively have a voice to address concerns with their government officials. I'm proud to announce that the George Rogers Clark Neighborhood Association (GRC NA) held its first organizational meeting in October with over 100 people in attendance! Issues were addressed from potholes and speed humps to crime prevention and quality of life concerns. Thanks goes out to the many organizers of the association led by Peggy Klein and Yvonne Vonderweidt who distributed fliers for the meeting. The GRC NA will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The location is yet to be determined, but for more information please call my office.